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FOR NEA LABOR ADVISOR RICHARD SEARING

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: AAFLI (BANGLADESH)

1. REQUEST THAT YOU PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM EMILIO GARZA TO AAFLI FOR MORRIS PALADINO. FYI: PRIOR TO TRANSMITTING THIS MESSAGE WE OBTAINED THE APPROVAL OF EMBASSY DACCA (WITH GARZA'S KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT) SINCE MATTER CONCERNS AAFLI'S BANGLADESH PROGRAM. WE PLAN TO DEAL WITH ANY FUTURE MESSAGES CONCERNING AAFLI PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OF INDIA IN THE SAME WAY. END FYI.

2. QUOTE: FOR PALADINO FROM GARZA: AAFLI OFFICE CONTINUING TO FUNCTION IN OULAHAN'S ABSENCE BUT NOT MAKING PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS. ALTHOUGH GOB ASKED HIM TO LEAVE COUNTRY, THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS RETURN IS NOT EXCLUDED AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION OF ANY INTENTION TO TERMINATE AAFLI OPERATIONS IN BANGLADESH.

3. GOB ASKED OULAHAN TO LEAVE COUNTRY AT BEHEST OF MONI, WHO WAS DISSATISFIED OVER SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS OF OUR ASSISTANCE AND WHO ACTED WITHOUT GIVING OULAHAN ANY INDICATION HE HAD ANY OBJECTION TO PROGRAM. OULAHAN WOULD HAVE COOPERATED WITH HIM IF MONI HAD BROUGHT MATTER TO HIS ATTENTION.

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4. INTERVENTION OF FRIENDS IN BANGLADESH MIGHT SUCCEED IN OBTAINING APPROVAL OF OULAHAN'S RETURN, BUT REVERSAL OF DECISION MUST BE MADE BY TOP MAN. U.S. EMBASSY REQUESTED BY OULAHAN TO CONTACT TOP MAN ON HIS BEHALF OR TO ARRANGE FOR OULAHAN TO SEE HIM BUT SO FAR AS IS KNOWN DID NEITHER. SUGGEST YOU ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY DACCA THROUGH SEARING AND THAT NEED FOR POSITIVE AND MEANINGFUL SUPPORT BY EMBASSY BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM AND OTHER STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. ALSO SUGGEST LETTER FROM MORRIS TO RAHMAN STATING AAFLI/W GENERALLY AWARE OF THIS TEMPORARY DIFFICULTY, IS ENGAGED IN ASSEMBLING ALL RELEVANT FACTS BUT IN MEANTIME WISHES TO REAFFIRM THAT OUR DESIRE IS TO CONTINUE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE WHICH HAVE ALWAYS CHARACTERIZED RELATIONSHIP OF AAFLI, RAHMAN AND JSL.

5. AAFLI/W MIGHT WISH CONSIDER BRINGING MATTER TO ATTENTION OF BANGLADESH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, ADVISING IT AAFLI/W ONLY GENERALLY INFORMED ABOUT MATTER AND ASKING FOR PARTICULARS. THIS COULD HAVE EFFECT OF BRINGING IT TO ATTENTION TOP MAN AND A CAREFULLY PLANNED APPROACH MIGHT INFLUENCE SITUATION FAVORABLY.

6. SUGGEST OULAHAN BE POSTED TO BANGKOK FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS. I WILL VISIT ON MAY EIGHTEEN AS PLANNED AND ADVISE. THIS WILL GIVE OUR FRIENDS TIME TO CONFER AND ACT. GARZA. END QUOTE.
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